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STRENGTHENING OF SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

Albania, Algeria, Cyprus, Egypt, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malta, Morocco, Tunisia and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region

The General Assembly,

Recalling its relevant resolutions, including its resolution 45/79 of 12 December 1990,

Reaffirming the primary role of the Mediterranean countries in strengthening and promoting peace, security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region,

Recognizing the efforts realized so far and the determination of the Mediterranean countries to intensify the process of dialogue and consultations with the view to resolving the problems existing in the Mediterranean,

Expressing concern at the persistent tension and continuing military operations and activities in parts of the Mediterranean region and the consequent threat to peace and security,

Recognizing also the indivisible character of security in the Mediterranean and that the enhancement of cooperation among Mediterranean countries with a view to promoting the economic and social development of all peoples of the region will contribute significantly to stability, peace and security in the region,

Recognizing further that the positive developments taking place worldwide, particularly in Europe, would contribute to enhancing prospects for closer Euro-Mediterranean cooperation in all spheres,

Expressing satisfaction at the growing awareness of the need for joint efforts by all Mediterranean countries so as to strengthen economic, social, cultural and environmental cooperation in the Mediterranean region,

Reaffirming the responsibility of all States to conform in their actions to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, as well as to the provisions of the Declaration on Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, 1/

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on this item, 2/

1. Reaffirms that security in the Mediterranean is closely linked to European security as well as to international peace and security;

2. Expresses satisfaction at the continuing efforts of the Mediterranean States to contribute actively to the elimination of all causes of tension in the region and to the promotion of just and lasting solutions, thus ensuring the withdrawal of foreign forces of occupation and the right of peoples under colonial or foreign domination to self-determination and independence in accordance with the Charter and resolutions of the United Nations;

3. Emphasizes the need for a just and peaceful settlement of persistent problems in the region and the need for respecting and safeguarding the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of all countries and peoples of the Mediterranean, and for full adherence to the principles of non-use of force or threat of use of force and the inadmissibility of the acquisition of territory by force, in accordance with the Charter and the relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

4. Welcomes the decision announced by the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics no longer to deploy tactical nuclear weapons on naval vessels and the positive effect this will have on the process of confidence and security-building and disarmament in the Mediterranean;

5. Takes note of the adoption in December 1990 of the Charter of Paris for a New Europe by the heads of State or Government of the States participating in the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, which, inter alia, underlined their wish to promote favourable conditions for a harmonious development and diversification of relations with the non-participating Mediterranean States;

1/ Resolution 2625 (XXV), annex.

2/ A/46/523 and Corr.1.

6. Takes note also of the conclusions of the Tenth Ministerial Meeting of the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Accra, in September 1991, which inter alia welcomed the continuing efforts of the non-aligned countries in the region to promote the process of an open and constructive dialogue for peace, stability, security, development and cooperation in the region, and supported the initiatives being undertaken by Mediterranean countries in this respect;

7. Welcomes in this context the decisions taken by the Second Ministerial Meeting of the Western Mediterranean countries, held at Algiers in October 1991, and the decision concerning the forthcoming Western Mediterranean countries summit to be held at Tunis in early 1992;

8. Notes the continued widespread support among Mediterranean countries for the convening of a Conference on Security and Cooperation in the Mediterranean, as well as the ongoing regional consultations to create the appropriate conditions for its convening;

9. Encourages the non-aligned Mediterranean countries and the European Mediterranean countries to redouble their efforts to promote and implement confidence- and security-building measures in the disarmament field and to eliminate the economic and social disparities in levels of development in the Mediterranean region, thus enhancing peace, security and cooperation in the region;

10. Urges all States to cooperate with the Mediterranean States in the intensification of existing forms of cooperation in various fields, with a view to reducing tension, promoting peace and security and ensuring stability, prosperity and support for democratic processes, economic reforms and development in the countries of the region in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

11. Invites all Member States, as well as the relevant regional organizations and subregional groupings, to communicate to the Secretary-General concrete ideas and suggestions concerning this issue, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

12. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region".

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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Algeria, Cuba, Egypt, Indonesia, Pakistan and Yugoslavia: draft resolution

Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 45/80 of 12 December 1990,

Conscious that the present stage of mankind's development, distinctive for its technological, economic and political changes, is conducive to making accelerated progress towards the building of a more peaceful, secure, just, equitable, democratic and humane world,

Reaffirming the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, in particular the respect for the sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of States, non-use or threat of use of force in international relations, non-intervention, peaceful settlement of international disputes, equal rights and the right to self-determination of all peoples under colonial and racist regimes and foreign occupation, as well as the principle of the sovereign equality of States,

Stressing that respect for the purposes and principles of the Charter and for international law, general and complete disarmament, the relaxation of international tension, enhanced international cooperation for economic and social development, including global cooperation for environmentally sound development, the complete eradication of colonialism, apartheid and all forms of racism and racial discrimination, and respect for human rights, are closely interrelated in providing the basis for international peace and security,

Welcoming the continuing positive changes at the global level characterized by the end of the cold war, the relaxation of tensions and the emergence of a new spirit governing international relations, which open new vistas for the promotion of world peace and international cooperation,

Welcoming also in this context, that a number of conflicts are being resolved through negotiations in an atmosphere of understanding and cooperation,

Expressing at the same time its serious concern over the persisting conflicts and problems and the new emerging threats to international peace and security and its support for all efforts towards a peaceful and just resolution of hotbeds of crisis in the world,

Stressing the imperative need for disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, in both its qualitative and quantitative dimensions, towards the achievement of the final objective of general and complete disarmament under effective international control,

Considering that there can be no stable and lasting peace and security in the world without the resolution of grave economic problems, particularly the requirements of economic development of developing countries,

Stressing that the promotion of freedom and human rights is one of the basic objectives of the world community, and emphasizing, in this context, that apartheid and all forms of racism have to be eradicated,

Reaffirming the inalienable right to self-determination and independence of all peoples under colonial and racist regimes and foreign occupation, as well as the legitimacy of their struggle,

Stressing that the emerging system of international security should be rooted in the purposes and principles of the Charter,

Reaffirming that the United Nations is the fundamental instrument for regulating international relations and resolving international problems and that its main organs, particularly the Security Council, are responsible for the maintenance and effective promotion of international peace and security,

Stressing the importance of the strengthening of the cooperation between the United Nations and regional organizations,

1. Reaffirms the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security, and the need for its implementation;

2. Reaffirms also that all States must abide, in their international relations, by the Charter of the United Nations and its purposes and principles;

3. Stresses the principles of respect for sovereignty, territorial integrity and independence of States, non-use or threat of use of force in international relations, non-intervention and non-interference, peaceful settlement of international disputes, equal rights and the right to self-determination of all peoples under colonial and racist regimes and foreign occupation, as well as the principle of the sovereign equality of States, as enshrined in the Charter;

4. Stresses the need for further strengthening of the role of the United Nations in the maintenance of peace and security and promoting respect for international law, as well as in economic and social development and progress for the benefit of mankind;

5. Calls upon all States to seek, through utilization of the means provided for in Chapter VI of the Charter, the peaceful settlement of disputes and the elimination of the focal points of crisis and tension, which constitute a threat to international peace and security;

6. Urges all States, in particular the nuclear-weapon States and other militarily significant States, to take further immediate action towards the final objective of achieving general and complete disarmament under effective international control;

7. Reaffirms that the democratization of international relations is an imperative necessity, and stresses its belief that the United Nations offers the best framework for the promotion of this goal;

8. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare, on the basis of the views received from the Member States, a study on the ways and means for strengthening international security on the basis of the Charter, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

9. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security".

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REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE STRENGTHENING OF INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

Algeria, Cuba, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Madagascar, Pakistan, Yugoslavia and Zimbabwe: draft decision

Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security

The General Assembly

1. Reaffirms the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security; 1/

2. Recalls its previous resolutions on this item, the latest of which is resolution 45/80 of 12 December 1990;

3. Invites Member States to provide their views on the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report to the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session;

4. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-seventh session the item entitled "Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthenirg of International Security".

1/ Resolution 2734 (XXV).

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